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LISBON'S 3318 FURNISHED CHOLERA STATISTICS THROUGH AUGUST 1.

DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2-9 THERE WERE 150 NEW CASES OF
CONFIRMED CHOLERA OF WHICH 65 WERE IN OPORTO DISTRICT, WITH
ONE DEATH REPORTED, AND 37 IN LISBON DISTRICT.

THE PORTUGUESE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HEALTH, REPORTED THAT THERE
WERE AN ADDITIONAL 250 LABORATORY CONFIRMED CHOLERA CASES,
INCLUDING 5 DEATHS, REGISTERED IN CONTINENTAL PORTUGAL DURING
THE TWO-WEEK PERIOD AUGUST 10-23. OF THIS FIGURE, 120 CASES
WERE FROM OPORTO DISTRICT, 57 FROM LISBON DISTRICT AND 27
FROM THE ALGARVE, THE LATTER HAVING 3 OF THE REGISTERED
DEATHS. THE HOSPITAL SAO JOAN IN OPORTO WHICH HANDLES
CHOLERA CASES CONFIRMED THAT IT HAD 130 SUCH PATIENTS
ON AUGUST 21, MAKING A TOTAL OF 722 CASES IN OPORTO SINCE
LAST MAY.

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THEREFORE, DURING THE FOUR-MONTH PERIOD SINCE THE ONSET OF

THE DISEASE ON APRIL 24, THERE HAS BEEN A TOTAL OF 1,227
CONFIRMED CASES OF CHOLERA AND 24 DEATHS IN CONTINENTAL
PORTUGAL ACCORDING TO EMBASSY FIGURES.
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HEALTH HAVING NOTED THAT MANY FOREIGN
TOURISTS DEPARTING PORTUGAL ARE REQUESTING CHOLERA SHOTS, IN
BELIEF VACCINATION CERTIFICATES ARE REQUIRED AT THE FRONTIERS,
HAS STATED THAT THERE IS PRESENTLY NO SUCH REQUIREMENT FROM
ANY EUROPEAN COUNTRY.
THE PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT SPANISH AUTHORITIES AT THE FRONTIER
ARE PROHIBITING PERSONS FROM ENTERING WITH ANY TYPES OF FRUITS
OR VEGETABLES FROM PORTUGAL.
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